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TITLE: Error Corrective Mechanisms for Consensus Decoding of Speech

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Application - 14 pages of Specification, 7 pages of Claims and 1 page of Abstract
6 Sheets of informal drawing(s)
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| CLAIMS AS FILED | | | | |
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| Total Claims | 23-20 = | 3 | x \$18 = | \$ 54 |
| Independent Claims | 8 - 3 = | 5 | x \$80 = | \$ 400 |
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